



Select Board CDBG Subcommittee

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM

Location: Conducted via remote participation

Minutes

Present: Town Manager James Feeney, Judith Guillou, Jennifer Hernandez, Select Board Member John Hurd, Select Board Member Diane Mahon, Rebecca Persson, DPCD Director Claire Ricker, Mary Muszynski

The Subcommittee welcomed to new members James Feeney and Claire Ricker.

Ms. Muszynski noted that the Subcommittee's process for making funding decisions is guided by the CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which includes five different goals and related budgets for each year in the framework. With the exception of Economic Development funding, which has exceeded its target allocation for the consolidated plan, are on track to reach Consolidated Plan goals which is on as we move into year five of the five year period.

Ms. Muszynski then provided an overview of the level of funding requests in each category for Program Year 50. The overall level of requests was \$1,646,134, roughly \$645,000 more than the grant amount expected from HUD for Program Year 50. It was noted that the Rehabilitation/Housing category received two applications totaling \$400,000. Public Services received ten applications for a total request of \$214,134, which exceeds the estimated statutory limit of \$150,000 for this category. Public Facilities and Improvements received four applications totaling \$800,000. Planning and Administration requests totaled \$232,000, exceeding the estimated statutory limit of \$200,000. With only 9 Arlington Rehabilitation loans remaining the CDBG Program Income expected this year will be no more than \$12,000.

The Subcommittee requested additional information regarding programming and priorities for several projects. Mr. Feeney and Mr. Hurd said they would check in with Arlington Housing Authority and the Recreation Department for more information. The Subcommittee agreed to meet again to review those updates and prepare their recommendation for the Select Board's approval. Ms. Muszynski reviewed the timeline to ensure that deadlines for Town Meeting are met. The Subcommittee's recommendations should be finalized by mid-February to allow presentation and approval by the Select Board in March. Then the recommendation and CDBG Report to Town Meeting will be included with the warrant for Town Meeting in April.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM